GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF BHOPAL GAS DISASTER
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the disbursement of compensation to the victims of Bhopal Gas leak disaster till 2005;

(b) the number of appeals and review petitions lying with the Welfare Commissioner at present;

(c) whether there was any direction of the Supreme Court recently for the expeditious payment of compensation to the victims; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to adhere to the directions of the Supreme Court ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) Till 31.12.2005, a sum of Rs.1542.36 crore had been disbursed among 5,72,266 claimants, as original compensation.

(b) As on 31.7.2006, 353 appeals and 26 review petitions are lying with the Office of the Welfare Commissioner, Bhopal Gas Victims, Bhopal.

(c)&(d): No sir, does not arise.